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Amendments to the Drawings

Attached you will find replacement formal drawing Sheets 1-4.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant has attached a Petition to Revive this application. The Applicant therefore submits that this amendment should be considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The Examiner has renumbered the claims of the instant application due to two claims which have been numbered as Claim 4. The listing of claims in this paper uses the numbering as applied by the Examiner.

The formal drawings, which are attached, replace the informal drawings which have been found acceptable for examination purposes.

Claims 1-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Seidenberg - U.S. Patent No. 6,427,183. In order to more clearly distinguish the claims from the cited prior art, Claims 1-8 have been amended, and Claims 9-17 have been cancelled.

The cited patent to Seidenberg relates to a circuit for demand-conforming switching of a load which is coupled to a data bus. The circuit has a sensor for detecting signal activity on the data bus and which performs switching in response to activity detected on the data bus. The Applicant submits that the cited reference does not affect the patentability of Claims 1-8, as amended.

Nowhere does Seidenberg show or suggest:

"a transformer having a first winding coupled to said data bus
and a second winding coupled to a first switching transistor",

as specifically recited in Claim 1, as amended. Nowhere does Seidenberg show any transformer. Rather, the cited reference directly couples the data bus into the control circuit. As a result, the data bus of the reference is not isolated from the control circuit in the manner provided by the transformer of the instant invention. The Applicant therefore submits that cited reference to

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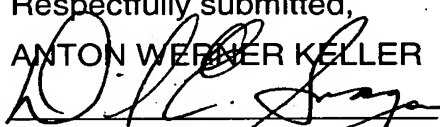
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Seidenberg does not effect the patentability of the invention, as defined by Claim 1.

Claims 2-8 are dependent from Claim 1 and add further advantageous features. The Applicant submits that these subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 1.

The Applicant submits that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge the \$1500 fee for the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), and any other costs that may be associated with the filing of this Response, to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

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